THE REHEARSAL.

The Observator's *Preparation for his Tryal. The Argument of the* Whiggs, *That they must not be* Disoblig'd, *because of the* Money *they have in the Publick* Funds. *The* Observator's RELIGION. *And* Greatness *of his* Church,

From Saturday October the 21th, to Saturday October the 28th, 1704.

Obs. IN my *Observator* next before the *Meeting* of this *Session* of *Parliament*, last *SATURDAY*, *Octob.* 21, I gave notice, That my *Observator* shou'd come out *Three Times a Week*. And told, That I had Notice of my *Tryal* to be on the *Fourth* of *November* next, for Writing these same *Observators*. This shews how little I value the *Prosecution* of the *Government*, which I have *Bully'd*. And must still continue to *Bully*. That is the *Word* given Me. That is the *Security* of our *Party*, and their *Strength*. Without this, We cou'd not make our selves *Considerable*, nor *Terrify!* Have I Notice then of my *Tryal?* At the same time I tell them, That I am so far from giving over my *Observators*, for which they *Prosecute* me, That now they shall have more of them than ever they had. And for their *Notice* of my *Tryal*, I *Give* Them *Notice*, That my *Observator* shall henceforth come out every *Tuesday*, *Thursday*, and *Saturday*. And for what End? *That the PEOPLE may know for what I am Try'd!* And I say, *They ought to Know*. Here I *Bully* the *Government* again, and my *Judges*! Let them look to it, I have *Appeal'd* before-hand to the *PEOPLE*! And *Arraign'd* the *Judgment* of the *Court* (if it shou'd Pass against me) to all the *Mobb* in *England*, who will take their *Account* of my *Tryal*, from what I have Already *Represented* it to them. A new *Method* not before known in *England*. And if Permitted, may become a *Precedent* of no small *Consequence*. As is the like *Method* I have taken in *Discovering* the *Abuses*, as I Pretend in the *Admiralty*, *Navy*, &c. by *Blazoning* them in my *Weekly LIBELS*, and Complaining that I can Get no *Justice*. Whereby I *Prejudice* the *Mobb* against the *Government* all over the *Nation*. As *Absolam* stole the *Hearts* of the *People*, not by Accusing *David*, but saying, *There is none Deputed of the King to do Justice*. This still *Reflects* upon *Him*. And no *Government* can *Stand*, that will suffer its *Administration* to be *PUBLICKLY Lampoon'd*. It must unavoidably *Alienate* the *Hearts* of the *People*. And Renders the *Government CONTEMPTIBLE*! For this End *WE* Do it. And now shall have a *Tryal* of Skill, whether *WE* can Do it or not. It is not *My* Cause only, but of our *Mighty GOD Legion*; who must not be *Disoblig'd*, and therefore must *Prevail!* Whose *Power* Consists in his *Grinn*, and making himself *Formidable*. And whoever are *Frighted* at him, he *Devours* them. (without one *Exception*.) And whoever *Resists* him, he *Flies* from them. Witness Q. *Bess*. Whom we *Curs'd* all her *Life*; And have her *Memory* in *Detestation* to this Day. And Witness K. *Charles* II. After the *Oxford Parliament*; When he made *US* all *Scamper*, and *Run* like *Serpents* into our *Holes*; by no other *Force* than by Supporting the *Laws*, and not suffering *US* to *Trample* upon them, and *Out-Brave* them, as we do now! By Maintaining the *Corporation* and *Test Acts* in their Vigour, and not letting them be *Explain'd* away in a *Senseless* and *Hypocritical* Occasional *Conformity*. This brought *US* so *Low*, That even in *Zealous SCOTLAND*, there was not, at his *Death*, (which happen'd soon After) one *Presbyterian* Publick *Meeting*, but what *Dropp'd* of it self; And *All* came to *Church*, when they saw there was nothing to be *Got* by staying out of it! But his Brother K. *James* II. set Us up again. And what he *Got* by it is well Known.

We were All as much *Down*, and as much *Dispirited* as Ever, upon the *Death* of our Late *Glorious K*—— As thou did'st *Remind* me in thy *Rehearsal*, N. 5. And if *WE* had been let alone, We shou'd have been as *Quiet* as a *Mouse* in a *Cheese*.

But now that *WE* are *Valu'd* and *Consider'd*, *WE* are *Considerable* again. And will have t'other *Touch* for it!

I tell thee, *Country-man*, they *Dare* not *Disoblige US*, our *Party* having so much *Money* in the *Bank* and Publick *Funds*.

Country-m. They have Us the *Faster* for that, Man; For tho' *WE* be *False* to Every thing Else, We never will be to our *Interest*! It has been the *Policy* of several *Kings* to Run in *Debt* to their *Subjects*, on Purpose to keep them *Fast* to their *Interest*. And several *Church-Men* being Deep in the *Funds* in the last *Reign*, was the Greatest *Security* our Good K. had of them.

Obs. That was an *Unlucky* Thought in thee, which may be *Improv'd*. Be sure thou say not a word of it to any *Parliament Men*. It will Turn the strongest *Argument* we have *For* Us, to be Quite *Against* Us.

But hast thou Observ'd what I bid thee to get me, *All the Libells that have been Printed since her Majesty's Accession to the Throne, against her Majesty's Title, against the* HANNOVER *Succession, in favour of* PERKIN, *and against the* ENGLISH *Liberties, All which I have Answer'd, that I may have them Ready at my Tryal.*

Country-m. All that Thou *hast Answer'd*! Which are *Those?* Thou ought'st to know *Them* Best. I never heard of *One* of them. Or of any *Answer* ever *Thou* Gav'st, except Calling *Rogue* and *Rascal*, and *Bellarimin* thou *Lyest*.

But I have already minded thee of a *Monstrous* and *Senseless LIBEL*, which I have *Answer'd*; And struck the *Vile VARLET Dumb*, that he *Dare* not *Reply* a *Word*. And it may do thee *Considerable* Service at thy *Tryal*. It is the most *Impudent* and *Ungrateful* of *Whiggs*, who Endeavour'd to *Murther*, and has, what in him lay, *Murder'd* the *Memory* of the *Man* who had put the Greatest *Obligations* upon him of Any in the World, sav'd him from *Hanging*, which he Richly *Deserv'd*, and from a *Whipping*, which he thought more *Grievous*. It is the Famous *Observator*—— The very same—Alias *Bays*, alias *Nobbs*, alias *Tutchin*, alias *Alias*. Now look into my *Rehearsal* N. 2, and 3. There thou wilt find how he *Mistakes*, *Blackens*, and *Condemns* the *Revolution*. Compairs it with the *Murder* of K. *Charles* I. And makes the *One* as *Justifiable* as the *Other*. N. 11. he is *Against the* HANOVER *Succession*; And says, *It can never be*. Where thou wilt find likewise Another *Libel*, (which thou Know'st full well) with Designs against the *Life* of the *Princess ANN* of *Denmark*, to bring her into a *Plot*; and to Prevent her *Accession* to the *Throne*. And *Rehearsal* N. 2. &c. It is shew'd, That the *Observator* is *Against the* ENGLISH *Liberties*, by making the *Government* Derivative from the *Mobb*, and *Accountable* to it; which Destroys all *Liberty* whatsoever. And N. 3. by *Attacking* the *Ministry*, and *Distinguishing* it from the *Government*. And by setting up a *Legislative* Power, without the *King*; which is made *Premunire* by the *Statute* 13 *Car.* 2. c. 1. And N. 4. by setting up *Legion* against the *House* of *Commons*, and putting

Them

Them into his *List* of *Knaves*, who are the *Conservators* of the *Liberties* of *England*. I think this is being *Against the* ENGLISH *Liberties*.

Again N. 3. you have him *Arraigning* All *our Present Judges*, of *Injustice* and *Foul Play*. And in the same N. 3. and N. 8. *His Royal Highness* the *Prince* is *Accus'd* and *Ridicul'd*. Besides Sir *George Rook*, and *Others* Abundantly!

And if you will Look Backwards, you will find, N. 5. his *Abuses* of the Late K. *William*, and his *Favourites* and *Ministry* in their Turn.

And, to Conclude, it is told N. 11. how he has fully *Deny'd* and *Oppos'd* the *Queen's HEREDITARY Right*. He says, in his *Observator*, Vol. 2. N. 86. That *to Assert an Hereditary Government in* England, *is a Squint Ey'd Reflection on Her Majesty's Title*. But this is no *Squint-Ey'd*, but a *Direct* and *Plain REFLECTION*, not only upon her *Majesty's HEREDITARY Right*; but also upon the *HEREDITARY Entail* that is made upon the *House* of *Hannover*. And so, for ought I know, made *Treason* by that *Act*. I'm sure I wou'd'nt come so near it for the best *Cow* I have.

Obs. Thou'rt a Delicate Fellow, to Help a *Lame Dog* over the *Stile*! But there is one Part of my Instructions thou hast Forgot. That is, to find out some that speak *in favour of PERKIN*. Thou canst not Charge *Observator* with that too!

Country-m. I can Charge him with keeping up the *Name* of whom he means by *Perkin*, that We may not *Forget*. There has not been a Word of him from his own *Party*, if any *Such* are left in *England*: They have been all *Hush*, since her *Majesty's* Accession to the *Throne*, as if they were well *Pleas'd*. At least they are *Modest*. And the *Name* of *Perkin* might have been *Dead* among Us by this time, but for the *Observator*, and some *Hypocondriac* Sinners, who *Dream* of Him all *Night*, and *Rave* upon Him all the *Day*! And tell what other *People* may Expect, when *They* are so *Haunted* by *Him*! For they *Measure* by their own *Bushel*. And perhaps they may Plead *Merit* another Day, as the only *Folks* who kept his *Cause* Alive; tho' under the *Disguise* of a little *Railing*, which do's him no *Harm*: They have Done as *strange* things as These! And what can Contribute more to the Interest of *Perkin*, than to Assert, That there is no *Hereditary* Right, either in the *Queen*, or in the *Succession* of the *House* of *Hanover*, as this *Observator* has *Manifestly* Done? And upon this Head, he has Flown in the Face of the many Loyal *Addresses* to her *Majesty*, Congratulating her *Hereditary* Right by *Blood*, and her Happy *Accession* to the *Throne* of her *Ancestors*. How many *Tallards* hast Thou had for this? *Nobbs*.

Obser. The *Devil's* in thee. Thou'lt make me *Mad* at last! What! Not only Turn the *Revolution* upon Me (of which I am the *Vindicator*, by *Providence*) and *My Queen*, and the *Succession* of *Hanover*, but *Perkin* too! Woud'st make me a *Perkinite*? What a *Jest* it wou'd be, to have ME, after All, *Hang'd* for a *Perkinite*! Thou wou'd'st Call it, *Quitting* Old *Scores*! And *Hotham*! But I can never *Bear* it. 'Tis *Folly* to *Talk* on't!

Country-m. Thy *Godfathers* and *Thee* Agree about That! But in Plainess, *Master*, by all that thou hast said, Thou must be either for *Perkin* or *Puss*. And some think *Puss* is the best way to Bring in *Perkin*. As it did Before. For the *Nation* will never Bear thy *Puss*. It was Try'd before. And she *Scratch'd* so *Devilishly*, there was no *Enduring* of her. And Wishing *Her Speedy Accession*, is as much *Treason* as *Another*. As the *Health* about which the *Quarrel* was at *Chippenham* last *Michaelmas-Day*—Of which I Told thee, *Rehearsal* N. 11. For thou know'st *Speedy Accession* to *One*, is *Speedy Removal* to *Another*.

Obs. Well! If I am *Born* to be *Hang'd*) which comes often into my Mind) I hope I shall have *Company*.

Country-m. Upon the whole, *Master*, I think Thou had'st as Good have let alone thy *Thrice a Week* OBSERVATORS, till after thy *Tryal*. For it is very *Provoking*.

Obs. I cou'd not help it, Man, if I shou'd be *Hang'd* for't. I was *Put* upon it. The *Faction* has *Need* of *Me*, Present *Need*! The *Parliament* now Beginning; And who Knows but the *Occasional Bill* may Come in Again? And the *High-Church* get *Up* upon *Us*! Arm'd with their *Victories* this *Summer*! There are *Notices* to be Given, and the *Word* through the *Nation*, upon every *Turn*, as *Occasion* Requires; May be New *Black Lists*, and so forth! And our *People* must be *Ply'd* with *Warm Cloaths*, at least *Three times* a *Week*, that they may not *Cool*, but be *Ready* upon an *Hours* Warning! And what is my *Neck*, in Comparison of all this *Good*? The whole *Cause* is at *Stake*! I have sign'd a *Contract* of *Soul* and *Body* with *Legion*, to Pull down the *Church*.

Country-m. There is one thing Exceeding Necessary, *Master*, That while Thou hast taken upon thee the *Post* of being a *Stickler* between *Churches*, and a *Regulator* of All, as well *Ecclesiastical* as *Civil* Affairs, thou shoud'st satisfy the World what *Religion* thou thy self art of? What *Church* thou art of, and what not?

Obs. I have taken Care of that, in the *first Volume* of my *Observators*, N. 71. *Dec.* 26. 1702. Wherein are my *Reflections* on *The shortest way with the Dissenters*, which I make to have been Wrote by a *Clergy-man*. And call it a *Villanous Book*. (The Reason of which thou'lt find in *Rehearsal*, N. 10.) And Pretend to *Answer* it (but not since the Worthy *Author* was *Discover'd*; And the most *Plot* in the World *Spoil'd*!) Where having laid Load upon the *Church* of *England* as a *Bloody, Persecuting Church*, and Designing no Less than a very *Massacre* of all the *Dissenters*: And coming to answer the *Barbarous Treatment*, and *Persecution* (indeed) of the *Church* in *Scotland* by the *Presbyterians*, since the *Revolution*; I make my *Conclusion* Against them *Both*, and all *Churches* whatsoever, as not worth any bodies Thought, and say thus to thee, *Truly*, *Honest* Country-man, *I don't Trouble my Head about, nor ever shall I Molest any Church*; *But I am an Utter Enemy to Priest-Craft*; *And do believe, That put any Clergy-man in the Coach-Box, and he will Last at any Rate*—— *There's my Neighbour* John *says, He's of No Religion at all, and I vow the Man lives at Ease and Quiet, free from Cavils and Contention. I think to lay it Aside also, till All Parties are Agreed.*

Country-m. Thus thou Instructedst Me, at that Time. And all thou hast done *since*, is Exactly *Pursuant* to it. In thy *Observator* of *March.* 29. 1704. *Vol.* 3. N. 2. thou mak'st *Knaves* both of *Church-Men* and *Dissenters*, and say'st, *Officers in all Religions may be Knaves*. But thou lay'st Heaviest *Load* upon the *Church*, and Mak'st these *Knave-Officers* to be CHURCH-MEN, *All* CHURCH-MEN, *Honest Country-Man* (say'st thou to Me) *True Blew PROTESTANTS of the Church of ENGLAND*. Then thou Mak'st all the *Clergy* to be *Knaves* and *Rogues*, not an *Honest* or *Sober* Man to be found amongst them All. And say'st *Go ask Doctor* KENNET; *go ask the Upper House of* CONVOCATION. *There you may hear them at their old Trade of* Billingsgate, *Thou ROGUE, and Thou ROGUE*. And thou told me before to *Lay Aside all RELIGION, till all Parties are Agreed.*

But art not *Thou* and *Me*, *Master*, who have no *Religion*, Nor are of any *Church*——

Obs. Hold, Man, Thou Mistak'st. We are of all *Churches*, and of All *Religions*.

Country-m. That's what I said, Of No *Church*, and of No *Religion*. It is the self same Thing, *Master*. Verily the *same*! For *All* Cannot be *True*. And *One* is *Opposite* to *Another*. Therefore there's no way of being of *All*, but by being of *None*. That is, to be *Indifferent* to *All*, and so *Opposite to None*. To Carry *Occasional Conformity* about Us to *All*, where either *Law*, or *Civility*, or any *Interest* do's *Oblige* Us. And there is no way so Effectual to *Destroy* ALL, as by being of ALL, to shew, That there is no *Truth* or *Importance* in *Any* of them. But I was going to say, Are Men so *Qualify'd* fit *Arbitrators* in matters of *Religion*, and of *Church-Disputes*? As *Thou* mak'st thy self, *Master*.

Obs. Yes, I the most *Fit*. Because most *Impartial*! As being *Concern'd* on *None* of their *sides*! Neither *Gainers* nor *Losers*, whoever gets the *Cause*, whither *Christ* or *Mahomet*; the *Sincerity* or *Insincerity* of the *Gospel*; *True* or *False Apostles* or *Ministry*; Whether *Aaron* or *Korah*, or the *Priesthood* of *Micah*? All is *Priest-Craft*! To which I have Declar'd my self an *Utter Enemy*. And you know, *Put Any CLERGY-MAN in the Coach Box*—It is our *Maxim*, out of *Dryden* (which I heard *Quoted* in an *Honourable Assembly*)

PRIESTS OF ALL RELIGIONS ARE THE SAME.

And I'll tell thee, *Country-man*, our *No Church*, is perhaps a Greater *Church*, than any of their *Churches*. QUKS are All the *Whiggs* to a *Man*! The *Deists*, the *Beaus* and *Debauchees*, and the *Occasional-Conformists*. Nor do WE want our *Quality*, our *Bishops* and *Clergy*; And *Serjeants* at *Law* too, and *Writers* for *Our Church*! Men of LARGE *Thoughts*, COMPREHENSIVE *Charity*—— &c.

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